

nay. Please record your vote on the DeCamp amendment to LB 407. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator DeCamp's amendment to LB 407, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The DeCamp amendment is adopted by LB 407.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Higgins would move to amend the bill. (Read Higgins amendment found on page 1312 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If you read, on page 3, line 7, it says, "or other interested party." So if you read the entire Section 4 it says, in the definitions, "Applicant group shall mean any health professional group or organization, any individual, or any other interested party which proposes that any health professional group, not previously regulated, be regulated, or which proposes to change the scope of practice of a regulated health profession." My amendment would simply except any member of the Nebraska Legislature. The reasons being what this is doing is saying that no senator can introduce any kind of a bill, in the future, that would do...have to do with a regulated health profession already, or one that would want to change their regulations would have to go through all the hoops and jumps of Sections 21, 22, 23. In other words, it merely takes away the right of the people to come to a senator and say, would you introduce a bill for this health professional group. It is saying that you can't do that. You have to do it the way this bill says. The way this bill says you have to represent your constituents, and it only applies to health care groups, I don't know why it shouldn't apply to other groups, applicants must submit an application to the director. Then it requires the director, with the advice of the State Board of Health, to appoint a technical committee to examine and investigate each application. The State Board of Health will then review and report and then compile its own report, including findings and recommendations. This report will be submitted to the Director of Health. The director will prepare a final report for the Legislature. I think in there they mention the Public Health and Welfare Committee again, the Speaker and any other member of the Legislature that might want to